

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 821

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Chief Johnny Powers of the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chief Johnny Powers of the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors and recently marked his forty-sixth year of service as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Johnny Powers has ably led the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department, which serves the residents of southern Greene County, for the past thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, possibly the longest-serving volunteer fire department fire chief in Tennessee history, Chief Powers is a charter member of the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department, which was founded in 1972; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Johnny Powers's esteemed leadership, the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department has greatly improved the level of service it provides to its community over the years; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his mission, Fire Chief Powers has won the respect and trust of every volunteer under his supervision as well as that of other area fire departments; and

WHEREAS, a highly valued member of his community, Johnny Powers is a lifelong farmer and manages Planters Warehouse on Asheville Highway; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powers evinces his faith as a member of Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church of America, which he has served in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Johnny Powers enjoys the love and support of his wife of fifty-three years, Lois Powers, their two children, and their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Fire Chief of the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department, Johnny Powers has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powers's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Chief Johnny Powers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Johnny Powers for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Fire Chief of the South Greene Volunteer Fire Department and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.